IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN VIVO DRUG DELIVERY TO MAMMALIAN CELLS VIA

BACTERIALLY DERIVED INTACT MINICELLS

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 18, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.